



*Jesus said, "They who have my commandments and keep them  
are those who love me." – John 14:21*

## **Service for the Lord's Day**

March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

### **Called by God, We Gather**

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

JS Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*[Please take a brief moment to greet those around you.]*

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

"At Calvary"

arr. Paul Freeman

SPC Bell Choir

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 51:1-12)*

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Wash me from my iniquity and cleanse me from sin.

Purge me with hyssop; wash me,

and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**and put a new and right spirit within me.**

HYMN #421

“Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

IRISH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, you have shown us the way to eternal life, but we confess how we refuse to follow where you lead. We cling to the values of a broken world by seeking advantage and privilege, instead of making sacrifices for the well-being of all. In your great mercy, forgive us, Lord. Draw us together by your grace. Attune our ears to the voice of the One who glorifies all things so we may respond faithfully as your disciples.**

SILENT PRAYER

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Lord, Have Mercy”**

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## **To Hear God’s Word of Grace**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

Paul Sjolund

Lynn Auman-Violin, Chad Hammer-Cello

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Breaking Point”

Rev. George W. Chapman II

# To Respond in Faith and Gratitude

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

*\*Response: Hymn #634: "To God Be the Glory" (Refrain only)*

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice.***

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.***

***O Come, to the Father through Jesus the Son,***

***and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

\*HYMN #724

"O Jesus, I have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

## Then Depart Blessed to Serve

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE [11:00]

POSTLUDE

*The beautiful flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God by Christopher & Winston in honor of their parents Helen & Charles Odum's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*Acolyte: Declan Smithwick*

*Greeters: 11:00 Steve & Debbie Wingfield*

*Ushers: 8:30 Dick Wilson & Linda Stackhouse; 11:00 Betsy Braddock & Deb Claxton*

## **Looking Ahead:**

**Monday, March 18**

- 9:30am Coastal Garden Club
- 11:00am Discipleship Green

**Tuesday, March 19**

- 9:30am Quilters Board, SR
- 5:00pm AA, BSMT
- 6:00pm Bible Study, FH

**Wednesday, March 20**

- 10:30am Celebration Circle, FH
- 4:00pm Discipleship Young

**Thursday, March 21**

- 12:30pm Bridge Group, R4
- 5:00pm AA, BSMT
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

**Friday, March 22**

- 11:30am Sisters in Strength- Eggs Up

**March 20**

**12:00pm GSMA Lenten Lunch**

**Camp UMC**

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**Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.**

